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LOWER FREIGHT RATES ON FARM CROPS IN EFFECT

ALL OREGON RAILROADS FILE RATES CONFORMING WITH SERVICE COMMISSION

LOWERS BRANCH LINE RATES

Filing of New Tariffs Monday Marks Close Of Case Extending Over Two Years

Local and joint freight rates conforming to the orders of the public service commission under date of January 19 and August 29, 1925, were filed with the commission Monday by all railroads operating in Oregon, effective Tuesday.

Lower Produce Rates

The new rates involve a general decrease in the carrying charge on interstate movements on farm products, potatoes and onions.

In addition to the material savings in freight charges under the new tariffs, the railroads are under the necessity of refunding excess charges collected since the date of the commission's order, aggregating several hundred thousand dollars.

Affects Branch Lines

Under the new tariffs, branch line differentials as heretofore applying in the state have been removed and shipping points on branch lines in the future will pay the same rate as farmers residing at an equal distance on the main line.

Following issuance of the orders by the public service commission in 1924 reducing freight rates on farm products, the railroads brought suit in the courts to set aside the commission's order, appealing to the supreme court when denied relief in the circuit court.

The supreme court a few weeks ago affirmed the decree of the lower court and held the rates fixed by the public service commission to be just and reasonable. Filing of the new tariffs Monday marks the close of this case, which has covered a period of more than two and one half years.

HERRICK RAILROAD HEARING CLOSED

With assurance by Fred Herrick that he will proceed with completion of a common carrier railroad between Burns and Seneca and with timber operations in Grant county, the Stanfield special committee of the United States senate Monday dismissed the hearing. Charges of fraud and collusion between the forest service and the Herrick Construction company had been brought. The findings of the committee follows:

1.—That there was no fraud in obtaining the contract and that charges against Herrick and two former officials of the forest service now in his employ, James W. Girard and Frank Klobucher, are not sustained by the evidence.

2.—That Herrick has possessed and does possess financial responsibility to execute his contract with the government.

3.—That Herrick has been dilatory in carrying on the work and negligent in performance.

4.—That the forest service appears to have attempted to the best of its ability to enforce the contract.

5.—Recommendation that in granting further extension of time to Herrick the forest service should not agree to anything less than that the cutting of timber in substantial quantity, shall begin not later than October 1 of this year and the mill near Burns shall be operated and sawing lumber by January 1, next.

6.—That if any doubt exists as to full application of requirements for operation of the Herrick railroad between Burns and Seneca as a common carrier, the extension of contract shall make clear that carriage of passengers and freight without restrictions shall begin as soon as the road is placed in operation.

E. O. Walters of Ontario was appointed manager of the Malheur County Fair board at the regular session of the county court here Wednesday. Commissioners J. D. Fairman of Harper and Frank T. Morgan of Nyssa were here for the meeting, which was unusually brief owing to the small amount of routine business on hand.

MALHEUR WILL GET 30-DAY PHEASANT SEASON

Nyssa farmers and Nimrods will welcome a longer open season on Chinese pheasants in Malheur county, obtained thru the efforts of J. A. Davenport, president of the Malheur Fish and Game league, and Charles McClees, deputy game warden. The birds are more plentiful in Malheur than in any other county in the state, the game department says. Complaints that the birds did considerable damage to farm crops resulted, and for this reason in particular State Game Warden E. F. Averill urged the legislature to pass on a longer season for Malheur.

Next fall there will be a 30-day open season. October 15 to November 15 are the probable dates.

Altogether only 93 birds were trapped and shipped from the county during the trapping season last month.

OWYHEE

The Alvon McGinnis and Claude Smith families and Miss Luella Carson of Homedale were dinner guests in the W. W. Smith home Sunday.

Mrs. A. M. DeBord and daughters Florence and Verle of Payette were week end guests in the Klingback home.

The P. T. A. of Kingman Colony held their regular meeting on Friday. They are planning a party on April Fools day.

At a school board meeting in Oregon Trail on Friday the teachers were rehired for the next year. Mr. Marshal of Nyssa for the upper grades and Miss Ivers of Vale for the lower room.

Jimmie Wilson of Oregon Trail is quite ill with a severe attack of the influenza.

The Ose Schweizer family were Ontario visitors on Saturday.

Mrs. A. G. Kingman arrived home last week from an extended visit in Lewiston, Idaho.

John Jarvis has been on the sick list but is able to be around again.

Mendisona Brothers are shearing their sheep. Joe Challis on the McLafarty ranch will begin Monday. Lambing is practically over, the weather has been ideal and all owners report a good percent of lambs.

Mrs. Chas. Fisher, who has been cooking in the Sid Skinner sheep camp returned to her home last week.

Pete Grisgroshky formerly known in Owyhee and Nyssa, is back in Owyhee working for Albert Rust.

Rev. Snow, Sunday school missionary, and son Jason of Payette visited Sunday school at the Kolony Sunday. We are all sorry to hear that Rev. Snow has been transferred to a new field in Spokane.

Mesdames R. R. Overstreet, T. M. Lowe and M. M. Greeling attended a community meeting held in the interest of the P. T. A. in the Big Bend school house Sunday.

Christa Minton went to Boise Saturday for a visit with his brother Cletus.

Farmers in Owyhee are seeding grain.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bradley entertained at dinner for Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Aldridge, Mrs. A. Stewart and daughter Myrtle, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Crawley and daughter Marguerite all of Ontario on Sunday.

Bully Creek Flood Measure Signed Friday

(From the Malheur Enterprise.) Governor Patterson signed the bill carrying an appropriation of \$50,000 for the relief of persons who lost property in the Bully Creek flood on Friday. A wire to this effect was received by Robert D. Lytle at 10:30 Friday morning. The news was received with great appreciation by the many farmers and stockmen who were affected, by the Vale Commercial club and by the town in general, all of whom have been fighting for the bill. It was sponsored by Senator George E. Davis at the legislature and by Representative J. D. Billingsley. The committee who spent a month at the legislature in the interest of the relief bill consisted of H. G. Kennard, Percy Purvis, D. A. Clore and R. H. DeArmond, all of whom are overjoyed at its success.

Again 1927 is proving a great year for Vale.

Women with red hair usually keep their fair complexions unblemished to a more advanced age than those with darker hair.

WORK UNDERWAY ON COURTHOUSE VAULT

DISILO FROM HARPER MINE IS USED IN CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL

The new courthouse vault is under construction, under the supervision of County Surveyor J. F. Miller. The vault will be built on the west side of the building extended from the clerk's office and from the county courtroom. Its dimensions are about 13 by 18 feet.

In the construction material, disilo from the Harper mine is being used to make the walls perfectly compact. With good looking paneled exterior, it is believed the new vault will tend to improve the general appearance of the courthouse.

PARENT-TEACHER NEWS OF COUNTY CIRCLES

President, Mrs. Arden A. Reed, Brogan.

Vice-President, Mrs. Ralph Harworth, Wade.

Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Frank Fry, Oregon Trail.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Maurice Judd, Kingman Colony.

In spite of the stormy weather and muddy roads a large number of patrons of the Weiser Annex district gathered in the schoolhouse February 18, to complete the organization of their Parent-Teacher association. The district vice-president, Mrs. H. R. Udick, Mrs. Bruce Kester, state director, and Mrs. Wm. Laxon, took part. Mr. Udick expressed her willingness to help each association; Mrs. Kester spoke upon the aims and purposes of P. T. A.; and Mrs. Laxon discussed county club work and also the work the P. T. A. is doing toward juvenile protection. Officers are E. J. Patch, president; Mrs. Leonard Patch, vice-president; Paul R. Raney, secretary-treasurer. The president appointed Mrs. Herbert Thomas membership chairman, and Mrs. N. B. Patch program chairman. There are fourteen charter members. It plans to meet the second and fourth Fridays of each month.

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DESERT FLOWERS APPEAL TO BOTANIST

UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR WILL STUDY WILD FLOWERS OF MALHEUR COUNTY

Dr. Henderson, curator of the botanical museum of the University of Oregon, will arrive in Malheur county soon to spend four months in a thorough investigation of the wild flowers indigenous to the far eastern county of the state. Miss Eleanor Davis, county librarian, has been much interested in research work of this nature, and every year has sponsored a wild flower contest for school children of Malheur. They have gathered many different varieties for the librarian, and she in turn, sent them to Dr. Henderson.

The many rare specimens that have been gathered by children casually attracted to the desert flowers by their beauty, have been classified by Dr. Henderson. He found that some were new and that little is known of Malheur floral life. The wild flowers of the sage covered hills, hidden gulches and those that flourish along the small streams of our county, scarcely noticed by the passerby, will be the inspiration of Dr. Henderson's visit.

No doubt he will tell us many things concerning the wild flowers that will appeal to our interest and imagination, after his study is completed.

DREDGE TURNS FIRST SOD ON DRAIN CANAL

GOVERNMENT WORK GETS UNDERWAY IN WARMSPRINGS DISTRICT THURSDAY

SOIL DETERMINES PROGRESS

Government Has Secured About 3 Miles Of Right Of Way For The Drainage Canals

(From the Malheur Enterprise.)

The first sod was turned by the electric dredge on the Purvis drain in the Warm Springs drainage district Thursday. The work started about twelve miles west of town and the dredge will work this way H. W. Bashore estimates that the drain ditch will vary in depth from 10 to 12 feet, going down to gravel bed in most places. The canal will be about forty feet across the top and about eight feet wide at the bottom.

The dredge will make an average speed of 500 to 1000 cubic feet each eight hour shift, depending upon the soil structure. Slow progress is made in swampy ground and in some places timber mats will have to be used under the dredge to furnish the necessary foundation.

Running Two Shifts

The electric dredge which has started operation on Rinehart property is now running two shifts. Three shifts will be put on soon. Within a few days the work will start on the Mallett drain below town.

BROGAN DAIRYMAN HAS RECORD HERD

One of the outstanding herds of splendidly bred Jersey cows in Malheur County is owned by Asbury Pugh of Brogan. A record of the tests made by his cows during the past month ranges from 4.4 per cent for some of the grades, to 6.4 per cent by a pure-bred Jersey. He has seven head of cows and one heifer registered. He owns one pure-bred Jersey which is the daughter of an Island cow, and there is a strong strain of St. Mawes blood with a recurrence of the Sybil Gamboge strain.

The head of his herd is a handsome fellow, grandson of an Island cow, and of St. Mawes breeding, which in terms of Jersey aristocracy is equivalent to the haughty heights assumed among human beings who boast descent from Schuyler Vanrenssaller or Peter Stuyvesant. There are some beautiful individuals, notably those of Island breeding.

MALHEUR COUNTY FARM NOTES

(By County Agent)

Roy Fugate, assistant in rodent control, spent a day in the county last week preparing squirrel poison for distribution. The county agent's office is selling this material at \$1.00 a sack holding from 8 to 9 pounds. This is the best time of the year to get squirrels. They may not be as noticeable at present as when they have done considerable damage, but this is the ideal season to hit them hard. This material cannot be mailed but must go by express, in filling outside orders.

The seed potato pool is closed. One car will be in about the 15th of this month, the other about the 20th. The first will be the car of certified Cobblers.

Professor Clayton Long, extension horticulturist O. A. C. was in the county March 7 and 8. Mr. Long talked on pruning and spraying. The meetings were in Ontario, Nyssa and Brogan.

Many fruit growers are going to have some bridge grafting to do this spring. Mice in many orchards and particularly those in which alfalfa or some other cover crop was used have done considerable girdling. This type of injury begins at the crown of the tree and extends downward and is not at all times readily visible in a casual examination of the orchard.

Sixty-two per cent of Canadian families own their own homes.

VALE FARMER VISITS HOLLAND AFTER 16 YEARS

(From the Malheur Enterprise) Gerrit Smit, successful Vale farmer, has returned from his visit to the land of tulips, dykes and windmills in the northern coast town of Beverwijk, Holland, where he spent over four months with his aged parents, relatives and friends of boyhood days. He felt an appeal for the old home but after sixteen years of farming in the great, open areas of the United States, he was a stranger in the quaint Dutch town. For one month after his arrival in Holland, there was rain every day. Malheur county sunshine was indeed a warm welcome when Mr. Smit arrived home the last of the week. The return trip across the Atlantic required 11 days, longer than the usual time because of stormy weather.

Mrs. A. J. Smit and three children expect to return home this spring but a brother, M. Smit, and his three sons will spend the year in Holland.

RILEY HORN SEES GREAT BRIDGE FEAT

RAISING OF STEEL FRAME ONE OF GREATEST ENGINEERING PERFORMANCES

Friends in the county are interested in the progress of construction on the Carquinez bridge across a part of San Francisco bay, which a group of financiers, including Riley Horn, director of the Farmers & Stockgrowers bank of Vale, are building. Mr. Horn sends a clipping which tells of one of the greatest engineering feats in the history of bridge building. It reads:

With the accuracy of clockwork, the 640-ton north span of the Carquinez bridge was lifted and fastened into place.

When the tremendous span was fitted and the last pin driven, marking success of the big undertaking, 30,000 persons burst into cheers, boat whistles and automobile horns adding to the bedlam.

At low tide the work began. The falsework on which the suspension span had been constructed, many yards from the bridge itself, was knocked away, except at the ends. Then two great steel barges were floated under the framework. As the tide rose, these barges rose, and lifted the 33-foot, 640-ton span. These barges, were then towed to midstream under the gap into which the span was to fit. Then began the most delicate bit of all.

Down came a quartet of 2½ inch cables from the projecting ends of the bridge superstructure high overhead. These were fastened to the span ends. At the cables' other ends hung two great boxes of sand, weighing 40 tons in all more than the 640-ton span they were to counter balance.

And then, foot by foot, the great span was lifted from the barges.

It was at 2:25 that the work started. At 3:45 the last pin was driven and the most ticklish engineering feat in bridge building history had been safely accomplished.

When the second span has been placed, the bridge will be ready for its formal opening on May 21. President Coolidge will press the button that will open the trans-strait highway.

The Carquinez bridge crosses a north arm of the San Francisco bay.

BETTER WATER SUPPLY FOR WARMSPRINGS RESERVOIR

Farm lands under the Warm Springs project are assured a better supply of water this year than for a number of years, it is advised by H. G. Kennard, water master. More than 90,000 acre feet has been run into the reservoir, which has a capacity of 170,000 acre feet and it is expected that the reservoir will be filled within a few weeks.

The fact that field mice have done considerable damage in the orchards in vicinity of Nyssa has been called to the attention of County Agent Shovel. The pests have been girdling fruit trees. In looking for this type of injury, examine the trees right at the crown as in many cases the girdling is underneath the surface. The remedy for this condition is bridge grafting. The county agent's office will be glad to assist in instructing orchardists how to bridge graft and also furnish bulletins for distribution on this subject.

Of the Twenty-two million dolls made in the United States during 1926, only about one million were blonds.

SENATOR DAVIS CORPORATION HEAD OF STATE

The appointment of George E. Davis of Vale, state senator from Malheur, Harney and Grant counties, to be state corporation commissioner was announced March 1st by Governor Patterson. Mr. Davis succeeds W. E. Crews, resigned corporation head. The duties of his new office were assumed Tuesday morning. Mark McAllister of Salem, state representative from Marion county, and deputy corporation commissioner under Henry Schulderman, was made chief deputy in the department again under Commissioner Davis, Fred Meindl, Portland attorney, and a state representative from Multnomah county, is to be employed in the department as examiner.

O. A. C. MILITARY BAND WILL VISIT MALHEUR COUNTY

The Oregon Agricultural college military band will give a concert and dance in Ontario, March 30, the seventh on its ten day tour of northern and eastern Oregon and Idaho. Forty men will be selected from the organization by Captain H. L. Beard, director for 21 years, to make the trip during spring vacation.

A special Pullman car will be chartered by the band for the entire trip this giving the musicians a permanent place to stay while enroute.

Stops on this twenty-first annual tour will be made at Gresham, The Dalles, Union, North Powder, Weiser, Idaho, Ontario, La Grande, Enterprise and Pendleton. With the experience and training the band has had the last year and with many skilled musicians composing the different sections, the band is expected to repeat the good impression made on previous tours.

RILEY HORN WRITES OF IMMENSE BRIDGE PROJECT

(From the Malheur Enterprise.)

An interesting letter and renewal subscription were received from Riley Horn, director of the Farmers & Stockgrowers bank, who lives at Peteluma, California, this week. Mr. Horn writes of the immense toll bridge in which he is interested, saying, "Within a few days when the weather and tide are just right, one of the two sections of the big bridge, built in one piece 450 feet long and weighing 750 tons, will be raised 135 feet above the water and tacked in place with steel pins 12 inches in diameter. The bridge will be open to traffic May 21, 1927."

County Statistics

Real Estate Transfers Recorded.

U. S. A. to Margaret F. McDonald Jasper-Lot 4, Sec. 31-20-46. 11-18-25.

Geo. V. Nesbit et ux to Hugh L. Taylor-2 tracts of metes and bounds, one of 15 acres and one of 12 acres in Sec. 28-15-47. 2-17-1922. \$12,000.00.

Geo. V. Nesbit et ux to Hugh L. Taylor-2 tracts of metes and bounds, one of 15 acres and one of 12 acres, in Sec. 28-15-47. 9-4-1923. \$12,000.00. (Correction deed.)

Hugh L. Taylor to F. O. Johnson-2 tracts of metes and bounds, one of 15 acres and one of 12 acres, in Sec. 28-15-47. 2-28-27. \$1.00. (Q. C. Deed.)

W. N. Grace et ux to Payette Oregon Slope Irrigation District-NE¼-SW¼ Sec. 22-16-47. 2-24-27. \$1.00. (Q. C. Deed.)

Malheur County to Malheur Land Co.-SW¼SE¼ Sec. 19-15-43. 2-2-27. \$26.78.

Henry Abrams to Ernest E. Silkett et ux-1 acre in SE¼SW¼ Sec. 10-16-43. 3-1-27. \$308.65. (Q. C. Deed.)

J. C. Fleming et ux to State of Oregon-5.36 acres in NW¼NE¼ Sec. 18-19-47. 1-17-27. \$400.00.

Geo. V. Nesbit to Lola B. Nesbit-N¼SE¼, and N¼SW¼ Sec. 17-16-47. 3-4-27. \$920.00. (Q. C. Deed.)

Chas. B. Moores et ux to Albert N. Moores-N¼NW¼ Sec. 36-19-42. 11-10-1924. \$1.00.

Pacific Savings & Loan Assn. to Conova O. McGonagill-Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Block 83, Ontario. 2-23-27. \$10.00.

Conova O. McGonagill to W. B. Carman et ux-Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Block 83, Ontario. 3-4-27. \$666.62.

Complaints Filed in Circuit Court. Arthur E. Kimball et al vs John A. Hunt Feeder Co. et al. 3-2-27. Foreclosure of mortgage. \$12,030.00.

Petitions Filed in Probate Court. Guardianship of Leander W. Thomas. 3-2-27.